

REMARKS

The present invention relates to aromatic-substituted polysiloxane prepolymers capable of copolymerization with one or more other monomers to form polymeric compositions having desirable physical characteristics and refractive indices for use in the manufacture of ophthalmic implants.

Support for the above-amendment to paragraph 17 of the specification, introduced to correct a typographical error, is found on page 14, lines 1-2, in addition to other locations throughout the specification.

Support for the above-amendments to independent claims 1 and 25, introduced to more clearly define the subject invention, is found on page 6, lines 1-2, and page 14, lines 1-2, respectively, in addition to other locations throughout the specification.

Claim 25 stands as objected to because of the informality of "x" appearing in the second line from the bottom.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to claim 25 based on the above amendment to claim 25 in which "x" appearing in the second line from the bottom has be replaced with a -- y -- as is shown in the formula above. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 25 is thereby respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, based on the above amendments to independent claim 1. The amendments to independent claim 1 delete the language, noted by the Examiner with Applicants' appreciation, that can render a claim indefinite. The rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is thus inappropriate. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rogler, U.S. Patent Number 4,929,051 (Rogler).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rogler. Rogler discloses an organopolysiloxane which contains both carbonate and acrylate/methacrylate groups.

To the contrary, the aromatic-substituted polysiloxane prepolymers of the subject invention as now claimed, contain urethane, urea or ester linkage groups. The linkage groups do not include a carbonate as disclosed by Rogler. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is inappropriate. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is respectfully requested.

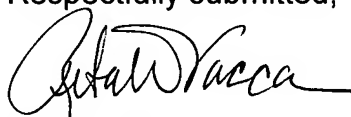
Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the allowability of claim 25 if rewritten to overcome the claim objection noted above.

Applicants likewise thank the Examiner for acknowledging the allowability of claim 4 if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, noted above.

Applicants believe that pending claims 1-6 and 25 are patentable. Allowance of pending claims 1-6 and 25 is thereby respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions regarding this communication, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (636) 226-3340.

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